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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 5
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 5 opens commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2013.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Kasilof Section (not the Expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2013.

The estimated cumulative passage of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River through Thursday, July 4, was 173,000. This is the largest estimated passage through this date in the Kasilof River since assessments began in 1978. The Optimum Escapement Goal (OEG) for the Kasilof River is 160,000–390,000 fish and the lower end of the escapement goal has already been achieved. Harvest estimates from the drift and set gillnet regular period on July 4th indicate an abundance of sockeye salmon entering the Kasilof Section. Additionally, an assessment of area beaches has revealed that sockeye salmon are present in large numbers in the southern portion of the Kasilof Section. Therefore, fishing 8 hours in the Kasilof Section set gillnet and drift gillnet fishery is warranted.